CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-2193
Sullivan-Dell House
707 Miller Road
Parkton, Baltimore County
1893 Ca.
Private

The Sullivan-Dell House, constructed circa 1893, is located at 707 Miller Road in Parkton, Baltimore County. Artemus Sullivan constructed the house on land he purchased from the Methodist Church in 1890. The property was assessed in 1893 as a new house with a small stable. In 1913, the dwelling was sold to C. W. Hendricks for \$3000. The 1915 map of Baltimore County confirms that Hendricks was the occupant. The dwelling is located in the seventh district, which was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. Constructed of wood frame, the dwelling was designed in the Gothic Revival style, with stylistic detailing tying it specifically to the Carpenter Gothic Revival houses of the last half of the 19th century.

Representative of the Gothic Revival style of architecture, the wood frame dwelling is two-and-a-half stories in height and three bays in width. The dwelling is set on a random rubble stone foundation and is clad in vinyl siding. The façade or north elevation features a centered entry with a single-leaf panel-and-light door flanked by 2/2 windows. Obscuring much of the first story is a full-width porch with a shed roof, turned posts, scroll-sawn brackets, and square-cut wood balustrade. There are three symmetrically placed 2/2 windows at the second story. The upper half-story has a center gable with a round-arched 2/2 window. The side gable roof is clad in asphalt shingles and there is an interior end brick chimney rising from the ridge. On the rear of the house, there is a two-bay deep, wood frame ell and a two-story addition with a side gable roof and an exterior end brick chimney. A mid-20th century outbuilding lies to the rear of the dwelling.

Inventory No. BA-2193

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

1. Name of F	Property	(indicate preferred	name)		
historic	Sullivan-Dell H	louse			
other					
2. Location					
street and number	707 Miller Roa	d		-	not for publication
city, town	Parkton				vicinity
county	Baltimore Cour	nty			
3. Owner of	Property	(give names and mailing	g addresses of all owners	s)	
name	David E. and D	ottie L. Dell and E. Joseph	and Pamela Kernan		
street and number	707 Miller Road	d		telephone	Not Available
city, town	Parkton		state MD	zip code	21120
4. Location	of Legal D	escription			
courthouse, registry	y of deeds, etc.	Baltimore County Courthou	ise liber	7441 folio 3	33
city, town	Towson	tax map 17	tax parcel 23	tax I	D number 0704020140
Contril Contril Detern Detern Record Histori Other:	buting Resource i buting Resource i mined Eligible for mined Ineligible fo ded by HABS/HAI c Structure Repor	f Additional Dat n National Register District In Local Historic District the National Register/Maryl In the National Register/Maryl In the National Register/Maryl In the Research Report at Mi	and Register yland Register		
6. Classifica	tion				
Category districtX_building(s)structuresiteobject	Ownership publicX_privateboth	Current Function agriculturecommerce/tradedefenseX_domesticeducationfunerarygovernmenthealth careindustry	landscaperecreation/culturereligionsocialtransportationwork in progressunknownvacant/not in useother:		ng Noncontributing buildings sites structure: objects

7. Description	Inventory No.		

Condition	
excellent	deteriorated
X good	ruins

altered

fair

Condition

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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The survey of the mid-20th century outbuilding was denied by the owner.

8. Signific	ance			Inventory No. BA-2193
Period	Areas of Significance	Check and j	ustify below	
1600-1699 1700-1799 _X 1800-1899 _X 1900-1999 2000-	agriculture archeology X architecture art commerce communications community planning conservation	 economics education engineering entertainment/ recreation ethnic heritage exploration/ settlement 	health/medicine industry invention landscape archit law literature maritime history military	_ science _ social history
Specific dates	1893 ca.		Architect/Builder	Unknown
Construction da	ites 1893 ca.			
Evaluation for:				
	National Register	N	Maryland Register	Xnot evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The dwelling is located in the seventh district, which was the largest and most populated region of the county in latter part of the 19th century. The area historically consisted of rolling hills, transversed by major transportation corridors. It was supported by the cultivation of wheat, corn, oats, fruit, dairy, and the breeding of cattle. The house is situated in the town Parkton, a major railroad stop for the Northern Central Railway. Located just about twenty-five miles north of Baltimore City, the community was home to about fifty people in 1881. Parkton quickly became one of the principal shipping points between Baltimore and the Pennsylvania line. Surrounded by rural agricultural farms devoted primarily to dairy production, the small village was bisected by the York Turnpike. The intersection of this major transportation route with that of the railroad rendered the small town as the center of trade for a ten-mile radius.

Constructed of wood frame, the L-shaped building was designed in the Gothic Revival style, with stylistic detailing tying it specifically to the Carpenter Gothic Revival houses of the last half of the 19th century. Reflective of this style are the steeply pitched center gable and scroll-sawn brackets. Although introduced to the United States in the 1830s by architect Alexander Jackson Davis, the Carpenter Gothic Revival was popularized during the last half of the 19th century by Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852), a landscape architect and promoter of the cottage residence. Downing's *Victorian Cottage Residences*, published numerous times between 1842 and 1873, touting the advantages of the inexpensive, detached dwelling. He claimed that the English cottage style was "so generally admired for the picturesqueness evinced in its tall gables ornamented by handsome verge-boards and finials...showing how the genius of pointed or Gothic architecture may be chastened or moulded into forms for domestic habitations." Wood frame dwellings with horizontal cladding, such as that seen on the Sullivan-Dell House, dominated in the Carpenter Gothic Revival style.

¹ Baltimore County List of Historic Properties.

² Andrew Jackson Downing, Victorian Cottage Residences, (New York, NY: Dover Publications, Inc., 1981), p. 42.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property _	2.5 Acres	_		
Acreage of historical setting	Unknown			
Quadrangle name	New Freedom	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000	

Verbal boundary description and justification

The house at 707 Miller Road is located in Parkton in the Seventh District of Baltimore County. It has historically been associated with tax map 17, parcel 23 since its construction circa 1893.

11. Form Prepared by

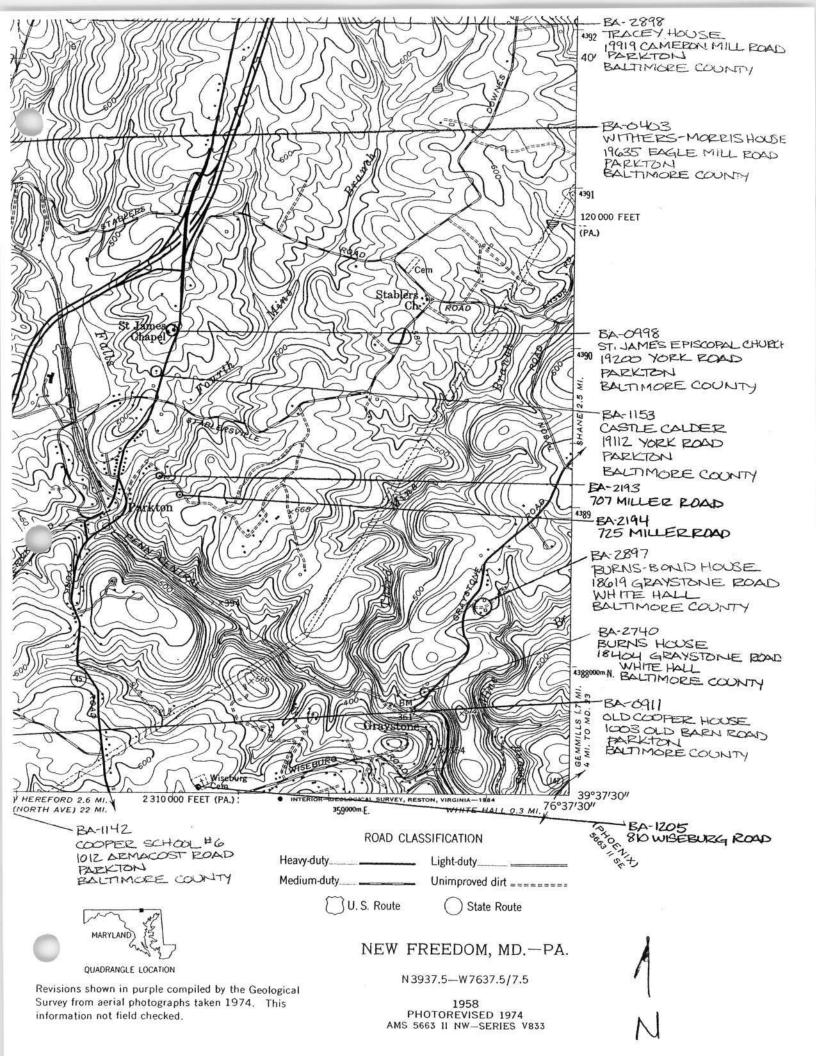
name/title	A. McDonald, R. Weidlich and A. Didden, Architectural Historians			
organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 7, 2001	
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199	
city or town	Washington	state	DC	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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SULLIVAN-DELL HOUSE - 1893 - 707 Miller Road The 1893 transfer book shows a new house and small stable assessed to Artemus Sullivan on land purchased from the Methodist Church trustees in 1890. The two story vernacular dwelling now white aluminum siding over weatherboard is across Miller Road from the Warner House and looks down the hill to Parkton on the west. and dwelling was sold to C. W. Hendricks in 1913 for The present owners have maintained the house in excellent conditions and despite modern updating, they have retained the original gravity flow water system from the spring house in the hill behind the house. The house was at one time rented to the Underwood family, a local railroad family. Liber 406-415 A. Sullivan to C. both Dell & Gettle tracts originate W. Hendricks 1913 in breakup of Christof Kolter Land, Liber 107-431 Bk 2:3, Liber 3744-1076 Miller to Dell.